

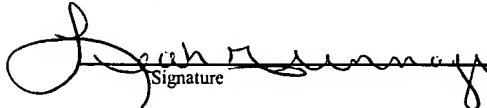


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**AMENDMENT B**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 22, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on October 22, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the required fee are filed herewith.

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